

AMENDMENTS

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It is respectfully submitted no new matter is presented by these figures since Applicant merely rotated the figures.

Rule 132 Declaration

Applicant concurrently files with this Amendment a Rule 132 Declaration for the Examiner's consideration to address matters from the Advisory Action. For example, it deals with the assertion in the Advisory Action that Applicant has not submitted factual evidence to support the argument that the position of chute 22 of Klaassen is not a functional equivalent of the position of the chute in the presently claimed metallurgical vessel.

Conclusion

The present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request favorable action in this matter. In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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